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FROM MOOSE AND PETTERSON

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, US
SUBJECT: LETTERS TO FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS RE RHODESIA
PLAN

REFERENCE: (A) MOOSE-HARROP TELECON OF 8/17/77;
(B) LONDON 13691; (C) LONDON 13766

1. PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH FCO INDICATE RESISTANCE TO AMENDMENT OF BASIC TALKING POINTS FOR NYERERE (REF B), DELAY OF CALLAGHAN LETTERS TO FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS, AND PREPARATION OF TALKING POINTS TO ACCOMPANY LETTERS.
2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH PETTERSON, GRAHAM ARGUED THAT LETTERS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED AND THAT AMENDING THEM TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANYTHING NYERERE MIGHT SAY WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLICATED DUE TO CALLAGHAN'S ABSENCE FROM LONDON.
AMENDMENT OF NYERERE TALKING POINTS WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SAME REASON.

3. WHEN WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL CONVERSATION WITH GRAHAM WE WILL PRESS OUR CASE. MEANWHILE, WE SUSPECT THAT THE BRITISH RELUCTANCE IN PART REFLECTS THEIR

CONTINUING PIQUE WITH MWALIMO. THEY ALSO MAKE VALID POINT THAT DELAY OF LETTERS COULD LEAD TO A SITUATION WHEREIN THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND THE NIGERIANS COULD CONCLUDE THEY ARE BEING CUT OUT OF THE PICTURE.

4. IF BRITISH CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO NEW NYERERE TALKING POINT, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO GO TO THE MAT WITH THEM. OUR REASONING IS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT: (A) TO GET SATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO NYERERE (TO SUSTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY), AND (B) TO GET UK ON THE RECORD RE UN FORCE, DEMOBILIZATION OF RHODESIA ARMY, AND BASE OF ZIMBABWE ARMY. A BIG BROUHAHA OVER THE NEW TALKING POINT COULD JEOPARDIZE THESE OBJECTIVES. MEANWHILE, AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM REFTEL, I HAVE SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR SPAIN (REF C) THAT, IN ABSENCE OF UK APPROVAL, HE TRY TO OBTAIN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT.

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